

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12: (canceled)

1. (Currently Amended) A composite system to provide protection against at least one of radiation, blast, chemical, biological and[/or] ballistic attack, comprising:

at least one first aluminum panel, and  
threat protection means in the form of a plurality of circular tubes disposed at least in part against said at least one first aluminum panel and adapted to provide protection against one or more attack threats, wherein said tubes contain a substance selected from the group consisting of air, inert gas, dirt, sand, puffed concrete, tantalum, ballistic fiberglass, nylon, steel and water.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A composite system according to Claim 1, wherein ones of said tubes not disposed against said at least one first aluminum panel are disposed against others of said tubes.

4. (Previously Presented) A composite system according to Claim 3, wherein said tubes are connected to said at least one first aluminum panel or to one another or to said at least one first aluminum panel and to one another via an adhesive, by welding, or by a clamping mechanism.

5. (Previously Presented) A composite system according to Claim 1, where at least one second panel is provided, and wherein said threat protection means are sandwiched between said first and second panels.

6. (Previously Presented) A composite system according to Claim 1, wherein said tubes are hollow aluminum tubes.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A composite system according to Claim 1, wherein at least one layer comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of air, inert gas, dirt, sand, puffed concrete, tantalum, ballistic fiberglass, nylon, steel, and water is disposed against at least one of said at least one first aluminum panel, said threat protection means, and one another.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A composite system according to Claim 1, wherein at least one ceramic tile is disposed on a side of said at least one first aluminum panel that is disposed opposite said tubes.

14. (Previously Presented) A composite system according to Claim 1, wherein said system is disposed in a sack.

15. (Previously Presented) A composite system according to Claim 14, wherein said sack is made of ballistic nylon or other high strength fabrics.